

Iran offers food to W. Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — An Iranian minister said Monday Iran was ready to provide west Beirut with fuel and food to defeat a blockade imposed by Lebanon's army leader. "We have expressed the readiness of our country to help and use all means to lift the blockade on supplies, including offering fuel and any other food," Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati told a news conference. Speaking at the Iranian embassy, Besharati said he made the offer in talks with Lebanese officials. General Michel Aoun, who heads an interim military cabinet vying for power with the civilian government of Prime Minister Salim Hoss, closed the museum crossing point between east and west Beirut Friday. The crossing over the green line battle zone was the only link for trucks carrying fuel and food to the west, which relies on the eastern sector for 60 per cent of its supplies. Aoun said he closed the crossing as troops were harassing officials from west Beirut who work in the east. Political sources, however, said that a battle between the two rival governments over control of the central bank, located in west Beirut, was the main reason behind the closure.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

55 killed in Cameroun school stampede

YAOUNDE (R) — At least 55 children were killed and scores were injured Monday in a stampede in a school in the Camerounian capital Yaounde, doctors at the main hospital said. Yaounde Radio quoted witnesses as saying the stampede, whose cause was not clear, took place in a crowded five-story building of the Institut Prive Polyvalent Monthe. It said panic-stricken children were trampled to death or suffocated while fleeing through the only escape route, a three-metre wide staircase. Some jumped from windows. The radio gave conflicting reports of the cause of the panic — either the clatter of a plank hitting scaffolding on the front of the building or a quarrel between a senior teacher and a pupil.

U.N. vote urges mandatory Pretoria sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The U.N. General Assembly urged the Security Council Monday to consider without delay adopting mandatory sanctions against South Africa. The resolution, one of 11 dealing with the question of apartheid that were approved by the world body after prolonged debate, received 149 votes with only two members voting against it and two abstaining. The General Assembly, by a vote of 132 to 13 with 14 abstentions, also urged the Security Council to act without further delay to impose a mandatory embargo on the supply and shipment of oil and petroleum products to South Africa.

Ishaq Khan seeks presidency

ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistan's acting head of state, Ghulam Ishaq Khan, Monday became the first candidate for a Dec. 12 election to a five-year term as president. The successor to late President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq will be chosen by an electoral college of national and provincial legislators. Ishaq Khan '73, was considered likely to be elected easily by the college unless new Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party put up its own candidate.

Hirohito survives worst crisis

TOKYO (R) — Japan's Emperor Hirohito survived the worst crisis of his 12-week critical illness Monday, a palace spokesman said. The world's longest reigning monarch, 87, suddenly lost a massive 1,000 cc of blood and doctors administered a transfusion and oxygen.

Libyan leader visits Algeria

ALGIERS (R) — Major Abdul Salam Jalloud, second in command to Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi, arrived in Algiers Monday to discuss a Maghreb union, the official news agency APS reported. It quoted him as saying he would discuss "the project for a union and the phases accomplished in building the great Arab Maghreb." The heads of state of Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia are due to meet late this month or early in January to lay the foundations for a union between their countries. Jalloud was welcomed by Prime Minister Kasdi Merbah and Foreign Minister Boualem Bessaih.

Gunmen sprays Iranian refugees, kill 1

KARACHI (R) — A masked gunman sprayed bullets at Iranian refugees outside a United Nations office in Karachi Monday, killing one and wounding five, police said. Witnesses said the unidentified assailant carrying an automatic rifle fled into a car after shooting at people at the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Pakistan's biggest city. Police said they knew of no motive for the attack. More than 5,000 Iranian refugees live in Karachi.

Rebels sold Stingers to Kabul'

DAMASCUS (R) — A senior Afghan official said Monday that rebels in Afghanistan sold U.S. Stinger missiles to the Kabul government for \$5,000 each. Najmuddin Kawayni, a member of the ruling party, said, "Washington had given 2,000 of the advanced Stinger ground-to-air missiles to the Afghan rebels in addition to financial support. Many of the portable shoulder-fired missiles were sold to Iran and Qatar, he told a news conference at the end of a visit to Syria. "We also bought a number of these missiles for \$5,000 each missile," he said. "The rebels who sold their country for a cheap price could easily sell the missiles."

TASS: 42 killed in Afghan rebel attack

MOSCOW (R) — Anti-communist rebels opened fire on a passenger bus near Afghanistan's northern city of Kunduz, killing 42 people, the official Soviet news agency TASS said Monday. The attack took place last Wednesday, when the rebels stopped a bus travelling from the district of Imam Sakhib to Kunduz, TASS said. TASS said a rally had been staged in Kunduz to denounce the attack and accuse rebel leaders of "refusing to stop the war against their own people."

Sudan minister meet with Garang

KHARTOUM (AP) — Sudan's foreign minister is flying shortly to Addis Ababa for talks with the leader of a Sudanese rebel force on convening a constitutional conference, newspapers reported Monday. Several papers said the minister, Hussein Suleiman Abu Salih, will be in the Ethiopian capital by midweek. Abu Salih belongs to the Democratic Unionist Party, whose spiritual leader, Mohammad Osman Al Marghani, has agreed on a ceasefire and interim peace accord with rebel leader John Garang. Prime Minister Sadeq Mahdi's Umma Party has endorsed the pact (see page 2).

Dali, recovering, pledges to paint again

BARCELONA (R) — Spanish surrealist artist Salvador Dali, recovering from a blood clot on the lung, left intensive care Monday and told King Juan Carlos he would paint again. The king called on Dali, a fervent monarchist, shortly after the 84-year-old painter moved from intensive care to a normal room at Barcelona's Quiron Clinic. "King, I promise you I will paint again," Dali was quoted by his friend Antoni Pixot as telling the monarch.

Carucci visits U.S. sailors

ABOARD THE USS LASALLE (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carucci told American sailors in the Gulf Monday their efforts had ended the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq. "We have through your actions brought an end to one of the bloodiest wars in the 20th century," Carucci said at an awards ceremony on the U.S. flagship Lasalle in the Gulf. "We have also succeeded in convincing Iran that terrorism on the high seas does not pay political dividends."

Ortega cancels trip to U.N.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua said Monday he would not travel to the United Nations this week because the United States had failed to issue enough visas for his party and has imposed unacceptable restrictions on his stay in New York. "I cannot accept these rules because the United States cannot decide when, how and with whom a chief of state can visit an international organization like the United Nations," Ortega said in a news conference in Mexico City. He complained that the United States should not require 15 days' notice to approve the trip of a chief of state and his party to the United Nations. Ortega said the administration of President Ronald Reagan had refused to issue visas for half his party.

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Belgrade expels 3 Australians

BELGRADE (AP) — Yugoslavia announced Monday it was expelling three Australian diplomats from the Belgrade embassy as a retaliatory measure against the closure of the Yugoslav consulate in Sydney. Belgrade Television reported. The report, which did not identify the diplomats, said they will have to leave Belgrade within a week. Twelve Yugoslav consular staff members, expelled from Australia after the closure of the Yugoslav consulate in Sydney, and their families arrived in Belgrade Monday to a rousing official welcome. They were met at Belgrade airport by representatives of the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry. The Yugoslav consul to Sydney, Stanjilo Glisic, held an impromptu news conference before being whisked off to the city. Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans ordered the Yugoslav consulate closed and gave its staff 72 hours to leave the country after the Yugoslav government flatly refused to hand over a consulate security officer, who Nov. 27 allegedly shot and seriously wounded a 16-year-old demonstrator during a protest by about 15,000 ethnic Croats outside the building.

Al Hussein, Thatcher discuss developments

King stresses urgent need for efforts for peace conference

LONDON (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday emphasised the need to exert all efforts to convene an interna-

tional peace conference on the Middle East, as soon as possible the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.



Margaret Thatcher



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The King's call came during a meeting with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at her residence, Petra said. The King stressed the positive strategy adopted by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as reflected in the resolutions adopted by the Palestine National Council (PNC), which met in Algiers last month, Petra added.

The King and Thatcher also discussed the latest developments in the Middle East and efforts for achieving a durable and just peace in the region, the agency said.

The two leaders also reviewed various international issues of mutual interest, it added.

The King began a private visit to Britain this week. On Saturday, he addressed the Cambridge Union Society and said that the PNC resolutions, which included an acceptance of U.N. Security

Council Resolutions 242 and 338, represented a turning point in the Arab-Israeli conflict and called for international efforts to convene a peace conference on the

Middle East under U.N. auspices and attended by the five permanent members of the Security Council and all parties involved in the conflict, including the PLO.

Abu Ibada was the 329th Palestinian killed since the uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip began nearly a year ago.

At least eight Palestinians, most of them teenagers, were shot and wounded in West Bank and Gaza Strip clashes Sunday, hospital officials said.

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"Several of them paused alongside a terrace wall and took stones from it, throwing them at the houses, cars, windows and shutters," she told the Post.

Army soldiers went on a rampage in the Qalandia refugee camp near Ramallah Nov. 21, and an officer and 20 soldiers were later sentenced to up to two weeks in jail for smashing windows in cars and houses.

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Jordan sets up voluntary body to help victims of disasters

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday announced the establishment of a specialised organisation to pursue and follow up efforts to extend support for victims of natural disasters in the Arab and Islamic worlds.

Noting that the Jordanian society has always extended a helping hand to disaster victims and aided efforts to surmount problems, the Regent paid tribute to the national contribution and assistance to the people of Sudan, a victim of

drought, famine and floods in the past years.

The Regent said that a recent meeting of international aid donors and attended by Jordanian experts had produced an agreement to a commitment to provide \$300 million in aid to Sudan.

The Prince also paid tribute to the efforts being exerted by voluntary relief committees in Sudan.

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Argentine army revolt quelled

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — The government is claiming victory in ending a four-day military insurrection, but rebels have yet to accept defeat in the mutiny that has killed four people and injured 40 others.

The details and injuries occurred Sunday when demonstrators swarmed towards a rebel-held arsenal in the Villa Martelli neighbourhood outside the capital after loyalist soldiers moved back, Radio Rivadavia reported. The rebels fired on the crowd with rubber and real bullets, killing three civilians and a policeman, the radio reported.

On Friday, four soldiers and a 19-year-old woman walking near the Camp de Mayo military complex were wounded in exchanges of gunfire between loyal troops and rebels holed up at an infantry school on the base.

"This has been a really important success," President Raul Alfonsin told reporters shortly after the army announced that rebel commander Colonel

Mohammad Ali Seineldin gave himself up for arrest. "There were no concessions of any kind."

However, Major Luis Alberto Brun, who led the rebels at the infantry school at the Camp de Mayo, said in an interview with the independent agency Noticias Argentinas, "we don't use the word 'surrender'; we use the term 'negotiation'."

Seineldin was being held at army headquarters in downtown Buenos Aires, but some of the rebels who supported him were allowed to stay at the arsenal and another base in suburban Mercedes overnight. All will be allowed to return to their regiments, Brun said.

"We are going to return to absolute normality," Brun said. "Absolute normality means reintegration" back into the ranks.

Noticias Argentinas quoted a military source it did not identify as saying the four-day impasse was broken simply because rebels "lacked the will to fire on their comrades, and that lack of will-power existed on the part of Gen. Caridi, too."

Rebels demanded an end to the prosecution of officers for human rights abuses committed during the eradication of leftist subversion during the 1976-83 dicta-

Direct Soviet-Mujahedeen talks conclude in Taif

Afghan rebels soften stand against int'l peace conference

RIYADH (AP) — Mujahedeen leaders softened their objections to a Soviet-proposed international conference for peace in Afghanistan on condition that prominent Islamic states led by Saudi Arabia are allowed to participate, informed sources said Monday.

The sources, interviewed on condition of anonymity, spoke after rebel leaders led by Burhanuddin Rabbani concluded their first face-to-face peace talks with a Soviet delegation early Monday.

The Soviet delegation in the Saudi Arabian mountain resort of Taif was led by Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov.

Saudi Arabia staunchly backed the Mujahedeen in their 9-year war against the government in Kabul and the Soviet troops backing it. The kingdom has linked diplomatic relations with Moscow to an end of Soviet intervention in the Asian state.

Officially, Saudi Arabia maintained a distance from the talks which it organised in the town 1,000 kilometres southwest of the capital, Riyadh. Prince Turki, the chief of intelligence, organised the talks.

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gave what was described as preliminary agreement to hand over maps of the minefields laid in areas from which their troops were pulling out.

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In a statement from Peshawar as the Taif talks started, the Mujahedeen listed their demands for immediate withdrawal, payment of war reparations, the "urgent removal" of mines and maps of mined areas now under Soviet control.

The sources said there was agreement on other side issues like prisoners of war, but they gave no details.

The Saudi media, which acknowledged the talks without any details, are now lauding the Saudi role in organising them.

Diplomatic sources said that the Taif gathering was indicative of the kingdom's increasing readiness to play a pronounced role in international politics.

The two sides agreed that the Taif meeting and its outcome does not annul the articles of the Geneva accord, said the sources.

Rabbani leads a loose alliance of the seven Afghan resistance groups based in Peshawar, Pakistan. Other resistance leaders joined Rabbani at the Taif talks. The alliance issued statements from their headquarters to mark their satisfaction at having forced the Soviets to deal with them as essential party.

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on arrival that he welcomed this opportunity to visit Jordan and was looking forward to holding discussions with senior Jordanian officials during the visit.

Lord Trefgarne added that he saw his visit to Jordan as a further expression of the close

relationship between Jordan and the United Kingdom.

This is Lord Trefgarne's first visit to Jordan. He has been a minister in the Ministry of Defence since 1983 and currently has special responsibilities for matters relating to equipment. He is also the holder of a Royal Aero Club Bronze Medal awarded for his flight in a light

aircraft from England to Australia and back in 1963.

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Gaza girl

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group has issued a damning report of Israeli abuses during the uprising and appealed for international response.

"Punishing a Nation," the report by Al Haq, or Law in the Service of Man, records a toll of more than 400 Palestinians dead, 20,000 wounded and 145 homes illegally destroyed since the revolt erupted last Dec. 9.

It concludes: "The Israeli authorities heavy-handed response to the Palestinian uprising has been out of all proportion to accepted norms... setting new precedents of violations and abuses."

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Shamir gains time for coalition

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Beilin told Israel army radio that "Rabin in his old age is an embarrassment to the younger Rabin. I would prefer to remember him the way he was when he was young."

The five-member Aguda Israel is at the focus of the inner-party dispute in Labour. Last week, Aguda surprisingly defected from Likud to Labour, apparently after being contacted by Beilin.

Beilin made the move a day before the Labour's executive bureau was to decide whether to approve Labour-Likud negotiations on forming a broad-based government. The bureau eventually rejected the talks.

Rabin, who backs a Labour-Likud government in which he, would probably retain his defence

post, criticised the attempt to form a narrow Labour-led government as an "ugly exercise."

"This was done... by the people of Peres, Mr. Beilin, without the knowledge of Labour's ministers," Rabin said in an interview with Israel Radio.

He said members of the executive bureau were not informed of the contacts before the crucial vote Wednesday.

Peres would not respond to the charges, but Beilin said on Israel television Sunday night that Rabin "preferred a four-year government led by Shamir to a narrow government led by Labour."

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Drug and liquor bust in Kuwait

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suspects, who, according to the Kuwait Times, include eight British citizens, two Kuwaitis and one Saudi national.

Shultz says he knows of no covert agreement between U.S., Israel

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Secretary of State George Shultz said Sunday he knew of no agreement reached between the United States and Israel during the Iran-contra affair for joint covert operations.

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ICAO report finds U.S. navy's mistakes in Iran Air downing

TORONTO (R) — A board of international aviation experts has concluded that navy personnel on board the USS Vincennes made several mistakes that led to the shooting down of an Iranian airliner over the Gulf in July.

The report is in sharp contrast to a U.S. Defense Department finding that Iranian air traffic controllers were to blame for the incident.

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) report says that U.S. warnings to civilian air traffic were vague, and U.S. warships lacked equipment to monitor civilian control-tower radio frequencies.

It was to be presented to ICAO's governing council Monday and released to the public.

The Iranian A-300 airbus was hit July 3 by two missiles fired from the Vincennes, which had mistakenly identified the aircraft as an F-14 fighter plane. All 290 plane passengers were killed.

"There was no coordination between United States warships and the civil air traffic service

units responsible for the provision of air traffic services within the various flight information regions in the Gulf area," the various flight information regions in the Gulf area," the report said.

"Such coordination would have enabled or at least facilitated identification of civil flight operations," it stated.

ICAO investigators found that 11 warnings were sent to Iran Air Flight 655 before it was destroyed, but seven of them were sent on a military air distress frequency which the plane was unable to receive.

Only the last of the four other warnings — which was sent 40 seconds before the missiles were fired — could be expected to be immediately recognisable to the flight crew.

The report said the Vincennes' advanced Aegis radar system correctly displayed the Iranian plane's flight pattern, but that navy officers mistakenly reported the plane was descending as if to attack.

Yesterdays high temperatures: Amman 23.6, Aqaba 27.5. Humidity readings: Amman 26 per cent, Aqaba 21 per cent.

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SPLA ready to talk with government team

ADDIS ABABA (R) — The rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) said it was ready to talk with a Sudanese government delegation which was due to arrive Monday in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

An SPLA spokesman said the rebels had been waiting for such a team to arrive since agreeing on a formula to end the five-year-old Sudanese civil war with leaders of one of the parties in Sudan's governing coalition last month.

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The spokesman said the SPLA had received no notification that the delegation was coming and they did not know who its members were or what the government wanted to discuss.

Sudan government radio has said the team would negotiate with the SPLA on a ceasefire and terms of the constitutional convention.

The SPLA has been fighting since 1983 against what it sees as a domination of Sudan's south by the north.

The war has left millions homeless and hungry.

On Sunday, the International Committee of the Red Cross was finally able to start airdropping food to government-held and rebel-controlled areas of southern Sudan, a year after it first proposed doing so.

It halted a relief operation in the south in 1986 after the SPLA shot down a Sudanese aircraft over the southern town of Malakal, killing all 62 people aboard.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

UAE hopes Bush will change policy

AMMAN (R) — President-elect George Bush should break with the Israeli position on Middle East peace when he takes office, a Gulf cabinet minister was quoted as saying Monday. "We hope the new U.S. administration will be more objective and not sacrifice its relations and interests with the Arabs by supporting the stubborn Israeli position rejected by the whole international community," Sheikh Ahmad Ibn Hamed, information minister of the United Arab Emirates, told the Al Dustour newspaper. On the U.S. response to decisions taken at last month's meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC), he said: "Regrettably the United States alone was deaf to the voice calling for peace and hid behind totally illogical excuses aimed only at satisfying the Zionist-Israeli lobby." Hamed said heads of state of the Gulf Cooperation Council would discuss the Palestinian cause and a call by UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Nahayan for an Arab summit in Lebanon when they meet in Bahrain later this month.

Libyan delegation arrives in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (R) — A delegation of Libyan officials arrived in Baghdad Sunday for a visit lasting several days, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. It said the 26-member mission was led by Mustapha Al Kharroubi, a member of Libya's Revolutionary Command Council, but did not elaborate on the aim of the visit. Relations between Libya and Iraq have steadily improved since Libya criticised Iraq last year for refusing to accept peace.

Locusts spread to Turkey's Aegean coast

ANKARA (R) — Locust swarms have reached Turkey's Aegean Coast after raiding fields of cereals and citrus in Mediterranean areas, officials said Monday. The locusts, believed to have crossed from Africa where they have caused widespread destruction, are threatening fig, grape and tobacco producing areas of the Aegean. "The size of the swarm is not yet known. Every year locusts are detected in Mediterranean and Aegean areas but this year it is feared that the size is dangerous," Agriculture Under-Secretary Cemil Baydar told Reuters. "But being winter, locusts are lethargic which could help us," he said. Officials said the locusts so far had not caused any major economic damage.

Agriculture Minister Husnu Dogan Monday visited the south-coast where villagers were warned to remove animals and bees while planes sprayed insecticide over a wide area.

Iran tries to find number of AIDS victims

NICOSIA (R) — Iran has three suspected cases of AIDS but cannot be sure they have the killer disease because of laboratory deficiencies, a deputy health minister was quoted Sunday as saying. Health Minister Ali Reza Marandi told an AIDS conference in Tehran Saturday that some cases had been discovered but did not say how many. The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted a deputy health minister it named only as Dr. Aileen as saying two of the suspected cases were given imported blood transfusions before 1985 when blood supplies were first screened.



NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

REGENT CONGRATULATES FINLAND: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday sent a cable of good wishes to Finland's President Mauno Koivisto on his country's Independence Day. In his message, the Regent wished the Finnish president continued health and happiness and further progress and prosperity for the people of Finland. (Petra)

PRICE VIOLATORS FINED: The military court has passed sentences imposing fines on a number of merchants found guilty of raising prices of some commodities. The fines ranged from JD 10 to JD 120. If the fines are not paid then prison sentences will be imposed corresponding to the amounts of the fine. The military

COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY CASE: The military court has sentenced Naser Abdul Rahman Isa to three years of hard labour for smuggling forged U.S. dollar banknotes into the country. Ahmad Saleh Abdallah has also been sentenced to two years of hard labour for dealing in forged currency. The military governor endorsed both sentences. (Petra)

HEALTH EDUCATION WORKSHOP: A six-day workshop on health education started its deliberations last Saturday at the UNRWA Amman training centre with the participation of education supervisors from UNRWA's five field operations. The workshop, which is organised by UNRWA headquarters in Amman, is looking into the best ways for communicating health messages to the public. Also participating in the seminar workshop are specialists from the University of Jordan, the Jordan University of Science and Technology, Noor Al Hussein Foundation and the Greater Amman Municipality. (Petra)

TRANSPORT PROBLEMS: Transport and Communications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan Monday sent a memorandum to his Egyptian counterpart Suleiman Mitwalli explaining the problems of the Jordanian drivers working on the Aqaba-Nweibe' line encounter when they reach the port of Nweibe' as their border procedures get delayed. The minister hoped that his Egyptian counterpart would work in the direction of brushing aside all these difficulties in accordance with the firm ties linking the two countries. (Petra)

EGYPTIAN TEAM IN MA'AN: Ma'an Governor Jamal Momani Monday reviewed with a visiting Egyptian delegation the situation in the governorate of Ma'an and its administrative and developmental aspects. He reviewed archaeological, religious, touristic and historic sites in the governorate and its importance in contemporary Arab history for being the starting point of the Great Arab Revolt. The Egyptian delegation's visit comes in the context of studying the possibility of establishing joint venture projects in the fields of agriculture, tourism and transportation. (Petra)

CROSS-COUNTRY RACE: The Karak Governorate Education Department Monday held a cross-country race for schoolgirls attending the secondary and preparatory stages. Eighty students from sixteen schools took part in the five-kilometre race. The winning students and schools were given cups and medals. (Petra)

CAEU TO MEET WEDNESDAY: The fifth round of meetings of the Council of Arab Economic Unity will open Wednesday to discuss over the period of two days a report by the council's secretary general analysing international economic indicators and their effects on the Arab economic situation.

PRIZE FOR YOUNG ARCHITECTS: The Housing Corporation has announced a new prize for the young architect, which has been introduced by the Arab Council for Housing and Reconstruction peak Ministers to encourage architects to preserve the cultural heritage and maintain the Arab characteristics of buildings. (Petra)

Economic delegation to leave for Moscow

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian delegation to Moscow Tuesday to leave for Moscow Tuesday to stimulate the industrial and commercial sectors in both countries, and promote bilateral trade and help adjust the trade balance which is now in favour of the USSR.

The Soviet Union at present sells raw iron, timber, paper, equipment and chemicals to Jordan.

According to Saqqaf, the delegation's visit to Moscow comes in the wake of the formation of a joint Jordanian-Soviet Economic Committee that was set up following His Majesty King Hussein's fruitful visit to the Soviet Union and in the light of a bilateral economic agreement signed in 1969.

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- A plastic art exhibition by eight Jordanian artists at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation in which more than 69 paintings are on display.
- An exhibition on Aila, an Islamic medieval city, port of Palestine and the storehouse of Hijaz on the China Sea, at the Department of Antiquities' Registration and Research Centre.
- A combined exhibit of watercolours, oil paintings and prints including works by: Firday Azami, Diana Shamouni, Rima Farah, and few other artists, with a display of wall hangings by Yvonne Yassine on popular Nursery Rhyme Themes at the Hotel Jordan Intercontinental Gallery.
- An exhibition of drawings and watercolours of German Romanticism at the Fine Arts Department, the Yarmouk University.
- The annual book exhibition of the Yarmouk University which includes academic, scientific and cultural books besides exhibiting dictionaries and scientific encyclopedias.
- A Yugoslavian art exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- A military exhibition which displays military books, photos for His Majesty King Hussein, and paintings by several Jordanian artists at Jerash Municipality Library.
- A plastic art exhibition by Jordanian artist Othman Dumour at Min' University.
- An art exhibition by Iraqi artist Latif Itawi at Al Wasiti Gallery for plastic art — 6:00 p.m.
- An exhibition displaying Jordanian and Palestinian embroideries, children's toys, Christmas decorations, patchwork, appliques and cloth paintings at the Goethe Institute — 4:00 p.m.

THEATRE

- An Arabic play entitled "Ya 'Anter" at the Royal Cultural Centre — 7:00 p.m.

FILMS

- An Italian film entitled "Secrets Secrets" (English subtitled) at the Royal Cultural Centre — 8:00 p.m.
- A film on Alfred Hitchcock at the American Centre — 7:00 p.m.

Jordan seeks help from Europe to fight expected locust invasion

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Jordan Monday voiced its concern over the possible danger of an invasion of desert locusts, and urged world organisations and European nations to extend help to the Kingdom in its efforts to fend off the looming danger.

Concern was expressed by Agriculture Minister Marwan Hmoud at a meeting with representatives of the foreign diplomatic missions, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the European Community (EC) countries in the Kingdom.

Hmoud discussed with the envoys assistance that may come from their countries to support Jordan's efforts in fighting an impending invasion by locusts, which have already caused much damage to crops in Saudi Arabia, North Yemen, Egypt, Sudan, Iran, Iraq, Turkey and northern Syria.

"Should locusts invade Jordanian territory, they are bound to cause untold damage to crops and agricultural projects which the government of Jordan has exerted strenuous efforts to carry out," the minister said.

"We believe that confronting the danger of locusts is a national task and not an agricultural problem. Therefore, the Ministry of Agriculture is

enlisting the help of all concerned departments to fight off the pests," Hmoud noted.

He said that operation rooms have been set up, teams were created to fight the locusts and equipment have been procured for the task.

The main job of these teams will be to spray the crops with pesticides through helicopters and aircraft, and the equipment and material required to carry out the mission are expected to cost \$2,395,680, the minister said.

He pointed out that Jordan can provide up to \$842,000 to purchase these equipment and recruit experts to direct the operations, and it was hoped that the rest of the amount can be raised in the form of contributions from other governments.

Addressing the meeting was Mr. Ahmad Al Khasawneh, secretary general of a U.N. Agency for Combating Pests set up by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Khasawneh reviewed his agency's contributions in helping countries of the Middle East to fight off the locusts.

He said large swarms of locusts have already invaded Saudi Arabia and they pose real danger to Jordan, Egypt and Sudan.

Other swarms of locusts have

already arrived in Iran and Iraq and Turkey in addition to parts of northern Syria and North Africa, according to Khasawneh.

He said that the invasion should be properly dealt with so that the pests would not be able to settle permanently in the Kingdom, thus, making it more difficult to root out.

Khasawneh voiced his belief that locusts could invade Jordan by the coming spring, if the present warm climatic conditions continue, and if rain does not fall soon.

The envoys and the minister discussed the volume and type of assistance that could be offered to Jordan to help the Kingdom complete its preparations to combat the expected invasions, and the diplomats promised to refer their recommendations to their respective governments.

Hmoud said, late last month that the coming winter season was bound to drive away any pests that might be preparing to enter Jordanian territory. But, he said, "one cannot rule out the possibility of some swarms appearing by the start of next spring."

Hmoud said Jordan is in constant touch with Arab countries and regional organisations over the issue and was taking all possible precautionary measures to fend off the danger.

Jordan honours volunteers

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Jordan along with other countries Monday celebrated International Volunteer Day in recognition of the great efforts of voluntary organisations and individuals that promote the process of social work in the Kingdom.

A ceremony, organised by the Ministry of Social Development, was held on the occasion under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the

Regent, at the Palace of Culture in Amman.

Minister of Social Development Fawaz Touqan, who deputised for the Regent, delivered a speech paying tribute to the volunteers in social work, who, he said, assist the less fortunate members of the Jordanian society by providing services of paramount importance to the country.

Touqan saluted the sacrifices and the steadfastness of the Palestinian people under Israeli rule who he said are confronting oppression and struggling for freedom.

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Meeting urges maximum use of Arab resources

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A special meeting on planning industrial property policies in the Arab World Monday recommended maximum utilisation of Arab resources in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and within a programme that can be financed by the United Nations Develop-

ment Programme (UNDP).

The recommendation came in a statement issued at the end of the three-day meeting.

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ment of a pan-Arab centre.

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Expert to lecture on technologies that brought together music, computers.

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Organised by the Jordan Computer Association in cooperation with the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation, a lecture on computers and music will take place in Tuesday Dec. 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the exhibition hall of the Arab Jordan Investment Bank, Shmeisani (5th floor).

Jean-Claude Elias, the Jordan Times music critic, will introduce the technologies which have brought both fields, computers and music, in close contact. Various aspects of the shall be covered and explained with several audio-visual aids. Synthesizers, digital recording, optical discs (computer/laser discs), music samplers, sequencers and the MIDI (Music Instrument Digital Interface) are the main topics of what is fast becoming an academic subject in itself. Some American universities already have an official course on the said subject and deliver a degree with the same title.

More than any other from of art, music can be clearly an accurately defined, in a scientific and mathematical way, and can therefore be processed by the digital "tool," which is the computer.

Elias insists that this in no way dehumanises music. The computer does not replace the composer or even the performer. It only plays the role of an advanced "processor," following the musician's orders to deliver, in the end, a finished and beautiful product — pure music.

To those who complain that computers make mechanical, robotised music, Elias intends to demonstrate various types of compositions ranging from classical to jazz, er:irely played back by a personal computer.

For the lecture, a complete, though simple, electronic "recording studio" shall be used, comprising a synthesizer, a computer, a sequencer, various sound

generators, and naturally an audio mixer with an amplifier and loud speakers. Elias is one of the very few, if not the only one in Jordan, experimenting and using a comprehensive computer-based digital music system.

The revolutionary part, Elias explains, is the MIDI interface, developed by the Japanese in the early eighties, which has opened new and unlimited horizons in music/computers application. MIDI is now an industry standard, widely accepted and implemented by all manufacturers of electronic music instruments: Roland, Yamaha, Casio and Technics, to name only the most important ones.

What are the advantages of using a computer for music production? Are new forms of music created? Not exactly. The computer tools above described (digitisation, MIDI, etc...) allow different instruments to communicate, to exchange musical information. Music recording and editing are tremendously improved, and the sound quality of the end-product is well superior to what existed before.

With a single piano-like keyboard and a single performer, it is possible to play literally hundreds of different sounds, modify, merge or mix them, in order to obtain a complete and realistic orchestral ensemble. The cost of studio time is drastically reduced. The long term conservation of music is infinitely superior when music is digitally recorded. But however powerful all these devices can be, it still takes a human being to make good, expressive music.

Elias is a computer professional in addition to being a musician. His main activity is running a private computer company in Amman, where he holds the position of general manager. He participates in Jordan's music life and is a free-lance writer for the Jordan Times, covering mainly two subjects: music and... computers.

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Egypt in the Arab League

THE only remaining stumbling block to complete inter-Arab harmony and coordination is the absence of Egypt from the Arab League. With all the Arab states save Syria, Libya and Lebanon having reestablished full diplomatic relations with Egypt, what remains to be done to reinstate Egypt in the Arab World has become more urgent and pressing. The reintegration of Egypt into the Arab fold has indeed become a national Arab call in view not only of Cairo's regional and international political and military weight, but also for the proven and relentless Egyptian efforts to affect sound and positive inter-Arab relations on all fronts. No wonder more and more Arab capitals have been calling for the "repatriation" of Egypt to the Arab League as soon as possible. In fact such a restoration of Egypt's role in the Arab League should have been rendered automatic after its full incorporation into the Organisation of Islamic Conference in 1987. What is acceptable Islamic-wise should have been acceptable Arab-wise as the two worlds are two sides of one coin.

To be sure the Camp David Accords were the principal reason for the Arab rift with Egypt. All the Arab capitals, which have reestablished diplomatic relations with Cairo, did so while maintaining their reservations and opposition to these accords. The Arab World still opposes these accords because they were instrumental in causing a deep discord within the Arab World. But since the time, when the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was signed, Egypt has moved closer than ever to the Arab consensus on the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Arab states are now duty bound to reciprocate this Egyptian movement towards the Arab posture especially on the Palestinian question and in particular on the need to convene an international peace conference to settle the various dimensions of the Arab-Israeli conflict. In the wake of the Palestinian National Council's meeting in Algiers last month and the proclamation of the Palestinian state, Egypt was among the early supporters of this declaration and has extended to it recognition in due course. It will be noted that Israel was swift in labelling Egypt's recognition of the Palestinian state as contrary to the Camp David Accords.

Accordingly, on substantive grounds there remains very little that divides Egypt from the rest of the Arab World. This principled rapprochement between Egypt and the Arab countries needs to be given due credit by inviting Egypt once again to the Arab League.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Monday gave attention to the uprising in occupied Palestinian land and said in two days time the revolt of the Palestinian people under Israeli rule enters its second year with no let-up to the struggle until rights are restored. The uprising has become a way of life for the freedom fighters in the occupied territories, not fearing Israel's oppression any more and determined to regain their rights and their lands, the paper asserted. Upon the conclusion of 12 months of struggle, it added, the Palestinians find themselves more and more resolved in pursuing the struggle to end Israel's occupation of Arab territory. Jordan realised the dimensions and the objectives of the uprising, and right from the beginning, it pledged all possible help for the Arab brethren and continued to back this endeavour at the pan-Arab and international levels, the paper noted. It said that Jordan was going ahead with plans to support the PLO, the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people to lead the struggle for freedom and the restoration of Arab land.

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily discusses Iraq as a potential market for Jordanian national products. Fahd Al Fanek says the Iraqis give priority to Jordanian products because Iraq has a real interest in the trade partnership with Jordan in view of Jordan's national stand in support for Iraq and its proximity to Iraqi markets. But he says that Jordan's concerned departments have to re-examine certain regulations and carry out adjustments and introduce amendments so as to ensure a real benefit in its deals with Iraq and reap the greatest possible fruits from mutual cooperation. Fanek referred to the confusion that prevailed over the opening of an excessive number of letters of credit that led to a crisis earlier this year causing complications for import/export operations between the two countries that depleted the Central Bank's reserves of foreign exchange and said that Jordan's exported products should be priced and tested to ensure that they will be sold on the Iraqi markets.

Al Dustour daily discussed King Hussein's message to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad which it said, was part of the Kingdom's process of bolstering inter-Arab relations. Jordan, the paper noted, has always served as a catalyst in cementing ties among Arab states with the purpose of unifying the Arab Nation's efforts at all levels to confront the common challenges. Today, it said, the Arab Nation is confronting added challenges and numerous issues that require a stepped-up effort to bolster pan-Arab action and enhance solidarity among the Arab brothers. The developments in the Palestine case and on regional and international levels, and the on-going struggle of the Palestinians to regain their rights should present an incentive for all Arabs to work in unison and cooperation to attain the aspired goal, the paper said.

Sawt Al Shaab daily also dealt with King Hussein's current endeavours to heal rifts among Arab states to unify Arab ranks and to give impetus to the collective Arab action. It said that such orientation is badly needed at present in view of Israel's intransigence with regard to the Palestine question and to give momentum to the uprising and the role of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. King Hussein's relentless efforts on the pan-Arab level are clearly aimed to end differences and pave the way for a united, strong and determined effort that can ensure the return of Arab rights, the paper added.

The question is not Who's a Jew, but who's a good Jew

By Yossi Sarid

I'D REALLY LOVE to provoke American Jewry's Reform and Conservative leadership into learning their lesson once and for all: but in matters of principle which strike at the heart of Jewish existence it seems to be disallowed.

I shall vote against the "Who is a Jew" amendment and shall fight against it — but only because it stands in complete opposition to everything I believe in, and for no other reason.

The angry and emotional protests by the leaders of the various streams, appeals, federations, communities, organisations and clubs leave me cold. Sorry, but they make no impression on me. If I were to allow my evil inclination to speak up, it would say: They deserve it, those pillars of the Jewish communities across the sea, that dastardly law is exactly what they have coming to them.

After millions of Jews were put to death under a broad definition of "Who is a Jew," I believe that it is no longer possible for millions of Jews to live under a narrow one. Anyone who would have perished because he was a Jew, is entitled to live as a Jew as well. What will the Lubavitcher Rebbe and his minions do on the Day of Judgment when the dead are resurrected? Make another "selection"? When all the dead of Israel rise from their graves — will they re-enter some of the living-dead in unconsecrated ground?

A Jew is anyone who sincerely identifies himself as a Jew, any one who wants to be a Jew even though it's difficult, anyone who feels himself a part of Jewish life, through thick and thin. People find their Jewishness through soul-searching, and not through the pursuit of kosher bargains and special privileges.

It's not that we have all that much to offer in this world; and with respect to the next world the competition between religions is unbridled and not always fair. Under such circumstances, whoever annexes himself to the Jews of his own free will is entitled to a good word; and why aren't we embracing him and welcoming him into the fold as a brother Jew? Aren't all Jews responsible for one another?

My colleagues in the Knesset and I are always prepared to extend a brotherly hand to our fellow Jews in the United States;

we are concerned about their fate and their future is important to us. It goes without saying that we will oppose anything which poses a threat to them and support whatever strengthens them. But they — Reform, Conservative and Orthodox alike — have neglected their responsibilities towards us, and for some time now they have been endangering our security. Maybe their intentions are good, but their deeds, with which they are paving the path for us to a Middle Eastern hell, are not.

It has always been the case, and most especially so during the 21 years of the occupation, that they have automatically and completely backed every Israeli government, every prime minister, every policy. They humbly served all the masters from the Labour Party and from the Likud with equal enthusiasm and subservience.

On every issue they concurred with the opinion of the Israeli establishment, if they had any opinion at all. They intoned "Amen" to Golda and Rabin and Dayan and Shamir and Sharon, as if they were all hassidim in the court of the Brooklyn rebbe regardless of whether they were Reform, Conservative or Orthodox. Which just goes to show that a Jew needn't be Orthodox to be a pious fool.

These leaders from Manhattan insisted that their unquestioning support of Israeli governments derived from concern and responsibility for the State of Israel. Bullshit. I am a citizen of Israel and I feel betrayed and abandoned. Gentlemen, you behaved totally irresponsibly, and if there was any concern here it was for your own status and prestige. Jews are not only responsible for one another, they also make their living off one another, and glorify one another. You wanted to glorify yourselves.

Sure, you raised contributions for us, but the truth is you lived off us without examining your consciences. You behaved like rich men basking in your highly respectable careers with no time for the real problems of your brethren's lives, who fulfilled their obligations merely by giving their distant relatives a regular allowance (a little more than pocket money for bribing problem children). Now that your childish relatives are making problems for you, you're acting surprised and insulted. After all, we gave you everything you ever

asked for. You gave us nothing, nothing of value. You are angry; for the first time you are really angry, and you're threatening not to give any more money. You won't be able to take more than you have given. Keep the change.

So when do you speak up? Only when it is you who are threatened, more so than we are — as in the case of Jonathan Pollard, for example, who put your dual loyalty to an unpleasant test. This speaking up becomes strident when halachic conversion threatens the integrity of your households and your families. How selfish of you.

You didn't speak up and you certainly didn't protest when a hundred settlements were established in the occupied territories, a hundred large obstacles on the way to peace. You had nothing to say about the manifestations of rampant nationalism and extreme religious fanaticism and xenophobia. You did not come here on urgent missions in an

effort to put an end to a war that should never have started. You did not take out full-page ads against Gush Emunim or the Jewish underground.

You did not protest against the hundreds killed in the intifada, the 8,000 wounded and the 17,000 placed under arrest (about 3,000 without due process). You did not press for the softening of a harsh policy of aggression and repression, you did not dissociate yourselves from the high priests of the Greater Israel Movement.

On the contrary, you treated them in your communities as honoured and welcome guests, giving them places of honour at the Western Walls of the temples of Western Jewry — while we, the moderates, were with our backs to the wall. You allowed your funds to be used for the exclusive benefit of Jewish settlements and not for the benefit of Arab areas, and thus contributed to the creation of a society in which there

are two classes of citizen, divided by nationality. You took no notice of Israel's collaboration with oppressive, discriminatory and despotic regimes, which hacks away at the branch upon which the Jewish people is trying to sit in the international jungle.

Israel's leadership became accustomed to your servile obedience and obsequiousness — it was enough to strike the opening chords of the national anthems and you sprang to attention — so it's no wonder that even now the establishment is not taking you seriously, convinced that soon enough the storm will pass and the "Who is a Jew" legislation, too, will be dutifully swallowed and digested. You have only yourselves to blame, that alongside the pocket money you gave us, you put yourselves in our small-change pocket, and protests from that pocket are small change, which don't make much of an impression.

I hear your plea for help now, hurt and angry, and to a great extent justified — but there's one thing it lacks: moral force, which was lost through your long silences over the spilling of blood and injustice. To paraphrase the Prophet Isaiah, Zion cannot be redeemed through your justifications alone, nor Jerusalem through your righteousness.

People who for a generation or more took no interest in the question of *What is a Jew* — of what, if anything, is special about being a Jew that differentiates us from everybody else — can't expect to generate interest in the question of *Who is a Jew*, because the two questions are inextricably linked: if it isn't clear what a Jew is — it makes no difference who he is.

The writer is Israeli Knesset member for the Citizens Rights Movement. The article is reprinted from the Jerusalem Post.

Barring Arafat: A foolish risky move

By Flora Lewis

AMMAN — The decision to refuse the PLO leader Yasser Arafat a U.S. visa so could address the United Nations in New York has the makings of a broad foreign policy crisis, when it should have been no more than a bureaucratic pimple.

It apparently was a personal decision by Secretary of State George Shultz, against the advice of career diplomats and without reference to President Reagan or President-elect Bush. Shultz cited the U.S. right "to safeguard its own security" against terrorism as the reason for breaking the treaty requirement to admit people invited by the United Nations.

But evidently, he decided to fend off a fight with Congress over Arafat's appearance in New York, which might have led to an even more serious breach of the treaty and a head-on collision with most U.N. members. It is not likely to keep the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman from addressing the world body. Arab states are busily planning to call for a special meeting to hear Arafat elsewhere, probably in Geneva and they can muster the votes for it.

It was only by a squeak that the State Department got off the hook when Congress passed a bill shutting down the PLO observer office in New York as well as its office in Washington. That would have made State choose between breaking the U.N. treaty and breaking U.S. law. A federal court held, on the basis of constitutional respect for treaties, that the law did not apply in that case because Congress did not explicitly say it meant to overrule the treaty.

But the legislators could decide to take that step if they got their dander up. The State Department did not want to provoke them, particularly in this period when the executive seems out to lunch for the transition. Bush may be cranking up a new administration, but nobody seems to be taking overall responsibility for policy.

If a conservative challenge to the U.N. were made, it would expand the issue beyond the PLO and Middle East policy in general. It would put the United States at loggerheads with the allies, the Soviets and practically everybody.

Some politicians and Reagan officials might have enjoyed that a few years ago when U.N.-bashing was in fashion. But this is another era. The Kremlin made a sharp change in U.N. policy and is seeking to strengthen the organization so it can be more effective in settling regional conflicts.

The United States has decided to pay its dues. The United Nations is proving valuable in finding peaceful ways out of murderous deadlocks in Afghanistan, the Iran-Iraq war, Namibia and Angola, possibly Western

Sahara, maybe Kampuchea and the Sudan one day. It already performs important jobs in the Middle East and will surely be crucial if there is progress towards a settlement.

The last thing the United States needs now is a fight over the U.N.'s rights at its headquarters. It could sour the remarkable new atmosphere of peace, and Washington would get the blame. How such a risk could even be contemplated over the piddling matter of Arafat visiting New York is beyond imagining. It would be the old story of the kingdom lost for want of a horseshoe nail.

On its merits, there is room for discussion on how the United States should respond to the PLO declaration of Nov. 15. There are grounds for suspicion in the failure to provide an official translation, especially after the PLO asked Egypt's foreign minister to advise Western governments that the published English and French translations were "seriously flawed" and that they should rely on the Arabic text.

Both the Congress and the incoming administration need to think carefully about the difference between policy and temper tantrums. The New York Times.

Koreans share the blame for the Chun tragedy

By Han Sung-Joo

FORMER president Chun Doo Hwan's tearful address last week to the people, admitting misdeeds under his rule and asking for forgiveness, was yet another memorable event in the unending series of dramatics in South Korean politics. The Korean people, actors and at the same time spectators to the drama, watched the tragic fate of a man, once powerful and feared, suddenly turned into a humble and humiliated citizen. Some felt sorry for him. Others took satisfaction over what they considered a deserved mortification. Still others, who believed that a simple apology could not undo all his past wrongs, remained angry. But all of them wondered at the damage that can be done to a person by power and the spoils that come with it.

Clearly, the "tragedy of Chun," as one might call it, is the product of his own ambition, callousness and misjudgment. He betrayed the democratic aspirations of his people by forcibly taking over power after the assassination of President Park. In the process, several hundred people were killed, numerous politicians were purged and dozens of newspapers were closed. Chun's relatives were left free to take personal financial advantage of his presidency. Ultimately, he underestimated the people's depth of resentment toward him. He apparently expected to depart in a glow of appreciation for speeding the nation's economic growth, for bringing the 1988 Olympics to Seoul and for arranging a peaceful transfer of power.

At the mercy of the people, Chun has at least removed himself as an obstacle. Now it is up to the rest of the people, most of all President Roh and leaders of the various political parties, to decide his fate.

Park's death allowed Chun a mis-leading easy ascendance to power. The legacy of Park's 18 years of authoritarian rule left the country deeply divided along political, ideological and regional lines. And the rapidly growing national economy presented tempting opportunities for corruption to those in power and their friends and relatives as well. That the circumstances gave Chun the opportunity to usurp and abuse power surely does not exonerate him. But it makes the nation collectively responsible. That is precisely why the people must and do share the pains and consequences of the "Chun tragedy."

The country's interests will be best served if its leaders act with far-sightedness, courage and magnanimity. Most important, they need to feel a shared sense of responsibility for the circumstances that allowed the unfortunate past to evolve. Whatever the immediate outcome of the Chun apology and exile, his public

shame will have a lasting effect on Korean politics. On the positive side, it offers a warning that power won by irregular means and exercised in an irresponsible manner will neither be tolerated nor go unpunished. A democratically elected leader will have a greater incentive to lead a clean government. On the negative side, a dictator in power, after seeing what happened to Chun, will be even less willing to step down. Thus the overriding lesson that the Chun tragedy offers to the people and leaders of South Korea is that they must protect and nurture their fledgling democracy.

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Features

The Elephant Man becomes a Cat Lady

By Leyla Ertugrul
Reuter

GHENT, Belgium — Playing the only human part in a film starring cats seems quite a normal role for John Hurt, the British actor best known for performances as a drug addict, a circus freak and a flamboyant homosexual.

Recognisable even with lipstick and a wig, Hurt takes time off from shooting in the canal city of Ghent to explain that instinct was one reason he took the role of cat lady in American director Armando Acosta's "Romeo and Juliet", a zany version of the Shakespeare play.

The film stars real cats in the main roles and actors speaking an adapted text. Hurt plays a mad female tramp who saves the beasts from extermination.

After swapping a flowery blue skirt for a corduroy suit back at his hotel, the actor who moved audiences around the world as the beffomed hero of "The Elephant Man" denies a suggestion he has a predilection for bizarre roles.

"I do enjoy what are called heavy character roles... because they're fascinating people to try to understand and inhabit, but I

don't exclusively feel that that is what is necessary to play a part," he said in an interview.

"I suppose I'm a strange old mixture really. I've been called eccentric but I consider myself to be quite a regular guy really. I suffer from the same elations, guilts, pleasures, unhappiness I think most people do," he said.

The son of a clergyman, Hurt's first role was as a girl in a school play. He says his favourite part was homosexual Quentin Crisp in the 1975 British television film "The Naked Civil Servant" because it marked his first major success.

"You may be struggling against relegation but nevertheless you're in the first division," he says with a grin.

His best-known movies include "Midnight Express", where he played a British junkie in a Turkish jail, and "1984" in which he played Winston, the hero of novelist George Orwell's totalitarian nightmare.

Both films won him British Academy Awards, while "The Elephant Man" was nominated for an Oscar.

The feline "Romeo and Juliet", billed by Belgian-American

ican producers as very close to the original Shakespeare, is being shot in Ghent, New York and Venice.

The cat-stars, including the fluffy white angora who plays Juliet, are transported from location to location in boxes, with their own crew of vets to look after them.

Echoing a frequent tribute to Hurt's professionalism, Acosta said one reason he chose Hurt was "his ability to take John Hurt out of a part when he acts."

Hurt's own life has had problems and his freckled face reveals a gentle, sensitive manner.

"Like most children of clergy it's quite a strange position because you're in a world apart," he says.

"The parishioners are suspicious of you and it can lead to a fairly introverted life."

The woman he lived with for many years died in a riding accident in 1983.

He has married twice.

/For all his fame, Hurt finds it difficult to evaluate his own career and says his main ambition is to act better.

"I've never been good at knowing where I am. There are actors I



John Hurt
know who have a great ability to know precisely where they are and if they have a success they know how to capitalise on it. I've tended to meander more in the

dark," he says.
Hurt is coy about the details of his next film but reveals that it "starts off immensely romantic and goes terribly wrong."

Ireland declares war on treasure hunters

By Paul Majendie
Reuter

DUBLIN — Ireland, which boasts some of Europe's finest ancient sites, has declared war on the army of treasure hunters who have pillaged and plundered their way through them.

In a crackdown on highly professional teams who scour burial mounds and ringed forts with metal detectors, the government has brought in tough new laws and set the police on their trail.

Likening them to the Viking invaders who plundered Ireland 1,000 years ago, Public Works Minister Noel Treacy said: "The government is determined to wipe out illegal metal detectors and the looting of archaeological sites and artefacts."

Offenders now face 50,000-punt (\$75,000) fines and one-year jail terms. Police and national museum officials have gone undercover to crack the gangs of pillagers.

Museum officials reckon there are about 50 professional treasure hunters operating around Ireland, using sophisticated metal detectors, aerial reconnaissance and scuba-diving gear for their land and underwater plunder.

"They are well organised, have

very expensive equipment and are extremely well researched," according to Eamonn Kelly, assistant keeper of antiquities at the national museum and a leader of the fight against the Irish pillagers.

"There are no more than 50.

They work together in organised groups. We would like to see them all in court. They use the same black market dealers. Britain is the main outlet," he said.

Unable to put an exact figure on how many million pounds worth had already been plundered, Kelly did point to one case showing how huge the gains could be.

One dealer attempted to sell an eighth-century bronze cross worth \$1.5 million to the Getty Museum in California, which alerted the Irish authorities who then intervened.

An army of professional and amateur treasure hunters were stirred into action in 1980 when a father and son using a metal detector found the Derrynafion Chalice, a priceless treasure from the early Christian era, on a monastery site.

The finders handed in their discovery to the authorities and after a lengthy battle through

Irish courts were given 50,000 pounds (\$75,000) in compensation.

Kelly said: "It was certainly one of the greatest finds of the century. It has caused us enormous problems but it has led to better legislation and greater public awareness."

"Anyone's national heritage is a finite thing. If it is gone, it is gone for ever."

The new crackdown has already yielded results and prosecutions.

Twelve early Christian sculptures destined for North America were seized after a high-speed car chase through the hills of county Leitrim in northwest Ireland.

An early Christian grave slab was recovered from a site in county Clare, western Ireland after a joint undercover operation involving police and museum officials.

And national museum officials have locked horns with two London auctioneers over suspected treasure trove material put up for sale.

But others have slipped through their grasp in this largely unspoiled and mainly agricultural country.

"There are reports of a big find in Drogheda. That has gone to the Far East according to our information," Kelly said.

He believes compensation awards should be settled by an independent assessor, and suggested an amnesty could also provide some more rich pickings from amateur treasure hunters too frightened to come forward.

"We think an amnesty would work but the timing is important. We don't want to cut across police work. There are some big fish the gardai (police) still want to fry and it would be awful if they got off the hook," he said.

But he is convinced the professionals are now beginning to feel the squeeze being relentlessly applied.

"One treasure hunter told me there had been more stuff buried and hidden in the past two months than came out of the ground in the last two years. They are afraid to shift it. The law has real teeth now."

Retired Canadians share skills with developing nations

By Gary Regenstreif
Reuter

TORONTO — Bruce Walley temporarily abandoned his comfortable rocking chair in Canada to divert river water to thirsty crops in Peru by expanding an Inca irrigation system.

Walley, a volunteer with a non-profit Canadian agency that exports business talent to developing nations, says his 35 years as a civil engineer should not be wasted by retirement.

"I still have itchy feet," Walley, 70, said from his home in Richmond, British Columbia. "I thought I may as well use the experience to some good."

The Canadian Executive Service Organization's cast of 2,500 consultants shun the usual trappings of retirement for the opportunity to turn around founding enterprises, some in the developing world, some at home.

They have helped breed boa constrictors in Colombia, make candy in Bolivia, toilet paper in Guatemala, cakies in Morocco and plastic rainwear in Uruguay.

Literacy programmes have been established. Local governments and businesses are taught how to build wood mills and hospitals, operate hotels, manage banks, train personnel and keep their books.

Consultants have shared their expertise in some 16,000 projects in more than 100 countries since the organisation, modelled after a similar U.S. body, the International Executive Service Corp., was founded by 100 Canadian companies in 1967.

And so much the better as grandparents, which is a link between the past and the future, today extends over a very long lifespan (there will be 12 million grandparents in the year 2,000, with a majority of grandmothers as they live longer: 79.6 years, according to the French National Statistics and Economic Studies Institute (INSEE), that is 8 years longer than men). The first family quality is diplomacy.

If we were to venture to give an ideal portrait of a grandparent, we would say that he should be both autonomous and available, a psychologist and straightforward, affectionate and firm, organised and imaginative. More than one child in two is taken on holiday at least once a year by his grandparents, and 80 per cent of people over 55 declare that the date they choose to leave on their holidays depends entirely on their children.

"In many cases, retirement is not the end of the rainbow," CESO President Dan Haggerty told Reuters in an interview.

Segolene Royal, who recently wrote a very nice book full of optimism and spring colours, announces that "new generation of grandparents is blossoming."

Today, one woman in two is a grandmother by the age of 52. At 60, she has three grandchildren on average. One man in two is a grandfather by the time he is 55.

With the grandparents getting younger, there is closer dialogue between generations and more frequent contacts. Four secondary schoolchildren out of five, aged 15 to 18, see their grandparents at least once a month, and one in four, at least once a week.

87 per cent of these young people find their grandparents likeable, warm and enriching.

Today's grandparents are younger on their identity cards, but also in their minds. Grandmothers wearing jeans and grandfathers in tracksuits are all around us and if, even twenty years ago, a considerable cultural gap separated grandfathers from their grandsons, it is less and less frequent today. Indeed, this generation of grandparents is one of people who have lived through the explosion of skilled professions and reached the age of grandparents with an intellectual background or with considerable know-how.

When numerous sociologists, including Evelyne Sullerot, lament about the splitting up of the family, Segolene Royal sees it as a "pessimistic litany," and she points out that the family is not going through a crisis, but that it is changing, and that the children who are bundled between the different homes of their parents.

Film competition set for March 1989

FOR the sixteenth time, entries are being invited for the international tourism film competition "PRIX ITB 1989", which will be taking place in conjunction with the International Tourism Exchange ITB Berlin 1989. This event is being held from Saturday, March 4 to Thursday, March 9 on the Berlin Exhibition Grounds and in the ICC Berlin.

Almost 600 tourism films from more than 25 countries have been entered for this competition over the past years. Since 1983 video productions have also been eligible, and over the past five years the panel of judges have viewed some 80 videos. These figures underline the major importance of the film medium for the international tourism industry.

The tourism films and video productions that have been submitted cover a wide field, ranging from sales promotion films to highly artistic efforts, all intended to show off countries, landscapes, cities, health spas, resorts, hotels, transport facilities and tourism companies in the right light.

Ever since it was first introduced, this international tourism film competition has acted as an annual appeal for greater attention to be focused on the tourism film, a medium whose possibilities have by no means been fully exploited.

Yet another feature of this competition is that, each year, it represents a voluntary form of quality control that has estab-

lished international standards. Consequently the "PRIX ITB" promotes the continued development of tourism films in terms of subject matter and artistic presentation.

Participation is open to entries from every sector of tourism. The films and video productions submitted for this competition must have been produced after Sept. 31, 1986. No amateur films/ amateur videos will be accepted. Each entrant is allowed to submit one tourism film in 16 mm format, black and white or colour, or one video. All films should have a running time of not more than 30 minutes. Entries on video may use either of the following systems: VHS or U-matic. Colour systems other than PAL may only be submitted on U-matic (low band). All videos must have been produced electronically, video transcriptions of films or film clips are not acceptable. It is essential to state the recording system used. The maximum playing time of thirty minutes also applies to video productions. No film or video may be entered more than once for this competition.

The panel of judges for the "PRIX ITB 1989" will be basing their assessments on the following criteria: 1) the value of the entry as a source of tourism information — 2) general artistic merit — 3) technical quality — 4) script — 5) dialogue — 6) originality.

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Mulroney urges GATT to reject protectionism

MONTREAL (R) — Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney opened a pivotal session of world trade talks Monday by urging nations to reject protectionism and embrace efforts to build a dynamic, open trading system.

"We are at a crossroads, Mulroney told a packed conference hall for the beginning session of the talks held under the Geneva-based General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

"We can succumb to the destructive forces of protectionism or we can seek to build a more dynamic and more secure global economy on the foundations laid by our visionary predecessors who founded this indispensable organisation," Mulroney said.

Mulroney comes to the conference as a bona-fide free trader, fresh from winning a strong mandate to pass a comprehensive trade pact with Canada's largest trading partner, the United States.

Mulroney's Conservatives formed their second consecutive majority government after the Nov. 21 election that was transformed into an emotional referendum on whether to proceed with free trade with Washington.

"Canadians heard both sides of the agreement, and boldly opted for the growth and change that this historic agreement will ensure," Mulroney said.

U.S. and Canadian officials are hoping the bilateral trade deal could give a boost to the so-called Uruguay Round of talks that are scheduled to be completed in 1990.

They believe certain sections of the pact, including liberalising trade in services and a new dispute settlement mechanism, could be used as models for the GATT session that has been bi-annualised.

KUWAIT (R) — Gulf Arab leaders meeting in Bahrain this month will consider ways to protect local producers from foreign competition, a Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) official was quoted as saying.

Abdullah Al Quweiz, assistant secretary-general for economic affairs, told Al Siyassah newspaper the six GCC leaders would also consider extending by one year a March 1989 deadline for a customs union.

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates abolished tariffs on internal trade in 1983, but have yet to agree on unified tariffs for foreign imports.

The customs union was to have come into being in 1987, but the 1986 Abu Dhabi summit extended the deadline until 1989.

Quweiz said the Bahrain summit would discuss ways of protecting domestic producers.

"The goal is to protect nascent industries for a temporary period from foreign competition, especially from dumping practices followed by some foreign firms," he said.

Quweiz said eight proposals on economic matters would be submitted at the summit, including measures dealing with taxation and share ownership.

The summit would also ratify the cooperation agreement signed between the GCC and the European Community last June, Quweiz said.

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Brian Mulroney

and Australia has called for a freeze and possible elimination of support programmes they believe encourage overproduction and depress prices.

Mulroney said: "Farmers are looking for results in Montreal. They can no longer survive on a diet of promises."

The head of GATT warned Sunday that deep-seated differences between the United States and Europe over agricultural subsidies could not be solved overnight and played down expectations of a breakthrough in Montreal talks.

GCC to study protection of local products

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. economic growth will slow dramatically next year, reflecting weaker consumer spending and rising inflationary pressures, economists for the country's major corporations predicted Monday.

Members of the National Association of Business Economists (NABE) said President-elect George Bush should make reducing the budget deficit his no. 1 priority but their gloomy assessment of the economy, if it comes true, would make that job much more difficult.

Two out of five of the economists surveyed said the country probably will be in a recession by this time next year and an overwhelming 88 per cent predicted that the next downturn will arrive before the end of 1990.

"Our membership has been fairly consistent over the past year in holding to the belief that there will be a recession sometime in the 1989 or 1990 period," said Jay Woodworth, senior eco-

nomist at Bankers Trust Co. of New York and president of the association.

The NABE economic outlook, based on responses from 200 of the group's members, was far more pessimistic on economic growth, interest rates and inflation than the assumptions President Ronald Reagan's administration is using to prepare its final budget request to Congress.

Among the group's forecasts:

— The overall economy, as measured by the gross national product (GNP), will grow anemic 2.2 per cent next year. This compares to the administration's forecast of 3.5 per cent GNP growth next year. Through the first nine months of 1988, the economy has been expanding at an annual rate of three per cent.

— Consumer prices, which have been rising at a 4.6 per cent annual rate so far this year, will climb by five per cent next year. The administration is looking for inflation to increase just 3.7 per

Arabs put privatisation under microscope

ABU DHABI (R) — Developing countries such as Egypt should turn more towards privatisation as a solution to economic ills, the moderator of a seminar debating the issue said Monday.

Said Al Naggar, a former World Bank official, told Reuters that Egypt's public sector accounted for 55 per cent of the

gross national product but was responsible for 40 per cent of the budget deficit.

However, some public sector companies, such as Egypt's oil sector, were profitable.

"Privatisation means finding the optimum dividing line between private and public sectors in each country," Naggar said.

They were further hit by adverse exchange rates and unstable oil prices.

Strikes threaten French recovery

PARIS (R) — Transport strikes that have crippled Paris are threatening France's delicate economic recovery, the head of the French employers' association said Monday.

"Companies are suffering from this action much more than is being reported," Francois Perigot told French television. "France's fragile economic recovery is being smothered by these strikes and is at stake."

Paris was once again thrown into chaos Monday as services on suburban train lines, bus routes and the underground metro railway system were cut because of striking maintenance depot workers.

Prime Minister Michel Delebarre said at the weekend the government was considering introducing a legal minimum service in public transport, as already exists in state television and airline services.

But French communists, who

depots of the RER network went on strike. They were joined Friday by four other unions.

The CGT is demanding a 1,000-franc (\$166) a month pay increase, while the other unions want a 300-franc (\$50) rise. The state-run RATP transport authority has offered 150 francs (\$25).

A state negotiator began talks Monday with all unions except the CGT, but there appeared to be little prospect of a breakthrough.

Rocard aides said the prime minister was determined to ride out the strikes and has instructed the transport authority not to improve its wage offer.

"If we decided to satisfy the RATP union demands, their wages would increase by 13 per cent while the rest of the public sector has been limited to eight per cent," a Rocard aide told Reuters.

Communist Party leader Andre Lajoinie predicted a "turbulent Christmas" unless Rocard gave in to strikers' demands.

A 10-week-old dispute widened two weeks ago when members of the communist-led CGT union working in maintenance

"If we caved in to their demands, we'd have to give in everywhere else."

for privatisation," said Naggar. Seminar organisers said the public sector operated and owned the oil industry in Gulf countries, generating about two-thirds of their gross national product.

The three-day gathering will hear case studies of privatisation in Jordan, Egypt and Tunisia and will try to define its boundaries in the Arab World.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Saudis, Bahrainis to build corn oil plant

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia and Bahrain are to set up a four-million-dinar (\$10.6 million) corn oil processing plant on the island. Industry sources said Monday. They said investors for the joint venture, which will produce 30,000 tonnes of oil a year from raw corn oil imported from Malaysia, were meeting in Bahrain to form a board of directors. Funds for the new firm, called Bahrain Savola Company, have already been pledged. It will be owned 60 per cent by Saudi Arabian and 40 per cent by Bahraini investors, with the Saudi firm Savola taking a major share. The sources said no start-up date had yet been set.

Libya, Iran sign trade agreement

TEHRAN (OPECNA) — Iran and Libya have signed a trade agreement following a meeting of the countries' joint economic commission in Tripoli. According to sources here, Iran will export to Libya locally-made cars, radiators, soaps, clothing, blankets, factory-woven carpets, agricultural machinery, electrical pylons, aluminium and steel profile and cement factory spare parts. In return, the country will import Libyan methanol, polyvinyl tubes and chemical fertilisers. The two countries will also exchange experts in the areas of oil, mining, agriculture and urban and long-distance telecommunications.

Iraqi cement exports earn \$4.53m

BAGHDAD (OPECNA) — Iraq exported \$4.53 million worth of cement during the first nine months of 1988, a substantial increase over the same period last year. According to figures released here, Iraq's annual cement production is running at an estimated 10.12 million tonnes, with Gulf Arab states being among the major importers of the product. Last month, the state-run Iraqi Cement Establishment signed a contract to supply Kuwait with one million tonnes of cement.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

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Central Bank official rates

	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	465.0	467.0
Pound Sterling	869.1	873.4
Deutschmark	269.9	271.2
Swiss franc	322.0	323.6
French franc	79.0	79.4
Japanese yen (for 100)	382.8	384.7
Dutch guilder	239.3	240.5
Swedish crown	77.6	78.0
Italian lira (for 100)	36.5	36.7
Belgian franc (for 100)	128.9	129.5

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One Sterling	1.8690/8700	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.1835/45	Canadian dollar
	1.7220/30	Deutschmarks
	1.9420/30	Dutch guilders
	1.4420/27	Swiss francs
	36.07/10	Belgian francs
	5.8800/10	French francs
	1273.1274	Italian lire
	1121.3040	Japanese yen
	5.9915/75	Swedish crowns
	6.4160/4210	Norwegian crowns
	6.6410/60	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	430.30/430.80	U.S. dollars

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Prices closed easier in thin trading to post the sixth consecutive fall in the absence of a positive lead from overseas. The All Ordinaries index fell 4.8 to 1,446.1.

TOKYO — Prices closed easier but well above their lows in thin trade after early concern about Emperor Hirohito's health abated somewhat. The Nikkei index shed 50.82 points, or 0.17 per cent, to 29,614.68.

HONG KONG — Hong Kong stocks bucked the international trend to close slightly higher in a day of active trading led by property counters. The Hang Seng index rose four points to 26,712.

SINGAPORE — Share prices closed generally lower on stoploss selling in quiet trading. The Straits Times industrial index shed 6.21 points to end at 993.16.

BOMBAY — Share prices fell after the stock exchange authorities hiked deposit margins on purchases and sales to curb excess speculation. Tata Steel fell 15 to 1,085.

FRANKFURT — West German shares moved higher in sparse dealings on the Frankfurt bourse, buoyed by cautious bargaining from institutional investors. The Real-Time 30-share DAX index closed at 1,282.23, 6.45 points or 0.5 per cent above the previous close.

ZURICH — Swiss shares closed slightly lower in lacklustre trading at the beginning of the week. The All Share Swiss index closed 3.9 lower at 916.3 points.

PARIS — French share prices recovered from lows near the close of trading as early gains on Wall Street gave operators here a late incentive to buy. The 50-share bourse indicator was down 0.22 per cent at the close.

LONDON — A moribund U.K. stock market was unimpressed by the start of trading in British Steel, Britain's largest privatisation stock, which started trading at 3p premium to the 60p part-paid offer price. At 1540 GMT the FTSE 100 was just 8.7 points lower at 1,756.3.

NEW YORK — Blue chips rebounded smartly in the morning, short-covering and beginning of the year-end rally.

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Sports

JORDAN TIMES, TUESDAY DECEMBER 6, 1988

NFL STANDINGS

NEW YORK (R) — Standing of National Football League teams after games played Sunday (tabulate under wins, losses, ties, points for, points against):

American Conference Eastern Division

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Buffalo Bills	11	3	0	278	192
Indianapolis Colts	8	6	0	321	267
New England Patriots	8	6	0	230	256
New York Jets	6	7	1	311	317
Miami Dolphins	5	9	0	257	302

Central Division

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Cincinnati Bengals	11	3	0	422	271
Cleveland Browns	9	5	0	245	227
Houston Oilers	9	5	0	360	331
Pittsburgh Steelers	4	10	0	282	377

Western Division

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Los Angeles Raiders	7	7	0	267	289
Denver Broncos	7	7	0	292	300
Seattle Seahawks	7	7	0	254	278
Kansas City Chiefs	3	9	1	229	268
San Diego Chargers	4	9	0	187	305

National Conference

	W	L	T	PF	PA
New York Giants	9	5	0	310	265
Philadelphia Eagles	8	6	0	333	295
Phoenix Cardinals	7	7	0	310	349
Washington Redskins	7	7	0	311	343
Dallas Cowboys	2	12	0	234	341

Central Division

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chicago Bears	11	2	0	262	152
Minnesota Vikings	10	4	0	372	188
Detroit Lions	4	10	0	198	272
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3	10	0	233	330
Green Bay Packers	2	12	0	196	292

Western Division

	W	L	T	PF	PA
San Francisco 49ers	8	5	0	323	232
New Orleans Saints	9	5	0	285	244
Los Angeles Rams	7	6	0	324	267
Atlanta Falcons	5	9	0	228	283

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

THE WORLD'S CHEAPEST FINESSE

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

of a strong no-trump opening bid with at least three-card support.

West led a diamond, won by the ace. Declarer decided that, at worst, he would have to lose two club tricks, so his contract was safe if he could hold his trump losers to one. He led four of trumps to the second trick and, when West followed with the three, he called for the two from dummy, thus capturing the most amusing trick he had ever seen.

That did not prevent him from continuing to play with care. He ran the jack of clubs to East's king. After winning the spade return on the board, declarer ruffed a diamond, crossed to dummy with a high trump and ruffed the last diamond. Dummy's heart and club winners were cashed, and South then started running the spades. Since that suit broke evenly, declarer was able to discard the losing club from the table and 11 tricks were in the bag.

At the other table, North became declarer at four hearts after a Stayman sequence. East led the king of clubs, declarer won and cashed a high heart. Now the defenders had to come to two heart tricks and a club, so the contract was just made.

The bidding: South West North East
Pass Pass 1 1
1 1 2 3 0
4 4 Pass Pass
Opening lead: Four of
Even if you are reasonably sure about making your contract, it could pay to take out insurance if the price is right. This hand is from a team event at the recent North American Championships in Salt Lake City.

The bidding deserves some comment. North-South were employing a weak no trump opening bid. Therefore, North's simple raise to two hearts promised the equivalent

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Pugilist coach remains banned

MUNICH (R) — The International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Sunday threw out an appeal from Greek club coach John Neumann against a two-year ban for flooring a referee during a European club match last month. Neumann knocked Italian referee Umberto Grossi to the floor in a Korac cup match between Paok and Red Star in Belgrade on November 8. The second-round second-leg match was abandoned with the aggregate scores level and FIBA awarded the tie to Red Star.

Johnny Paycheck dies

CHICAGO (AP) — Former boxer Johnny Paycheck, who once fought Joe Louis for the World Heavyweight Championship, died at age 74 in a suburban hospital. A funeral mass was set for Tuesday for Paycheck, who died Saturday in suburban La Grange Memorial Hospital, near his home in Lyons Township. No cause of death was given. Paycheck, who also fought under the names Paycheck and Pack, began his boxing career on Chicago's South Side and won the Golden Gloves heavyweight title in 1933. By 1940, he had earned a title bout against Louis. But Louis knocked him out in the second round of their match on March 29 at New York's Madison Square Garden.

McCandless wins California marathon

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — Rich McCandless of the United States broke away from a lead pack of six runners after three miles (4.8 kilometres) and won the California international marathon Sunday with a time of 2 hours, 12 minutes, 44 seconds. McCandless, 32, earned \$5,000 for his victory in the sixth annual event from Folsom Dam to the state capitol. Pre-race favourite Anthony Niemczak, a native of Poland living in Rochester, New York, finished second in 2:14:39. Moacir Marconi, a Brazilian residing in Anaheim, California, was third in 2:17:16. Niemczak, competing in his second race since serving a two-year international ban for steroid use, finished 17th last month in the New York City marathon.

Men's Downhill Race Cancelled

VAL D'ISERE (AP) — A heavy rain cancelled the Men's World Cup Downhill scheduled yesterday race organisers announced. The race was not rescheduled immediately. The downhill was originally set for Sunday, but a heavy snowfall postponed the race. Overnight rain washed away the snow. St. Anton, Austria, has been mentioned as a possible future location for the downhill, although nothing official has been announced. There is a downhill and slalom at the Austrian resort on Dec. 21-22. Lack of snow had threatened the downhill race for the past week. A second training run for men Saturday was scratched to preserve the course because of the limited snow on the slopes.

West Germany move to second round

MELBOURNE (AP) — Defending champion West Germany beat Mexico 3-0 Monday to advance to the second round of the Federation Cup. Women's team competition at the national tennis center. Singles players Sylvia Hanika and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch each scored straight set victories over inexperienced Mexican opponents to seal third-seeded West Germany's spot in the last 16 of the event. West Germany, which won the cup for the first time in Vancouver last year, is attempting to defend it without world no. 1 Steffi Graf, who declared herself unavailable, citing tiredness.

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY DECEMBER 6, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

— As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Protect that which you love, but avoid any suspicious or jealous overtones. Sensual and aesthetic values are heightened. There is an attraction to the finer things in life. Be careful not to be overly extravagant.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Re-examine budget plans with your mate. Consider combining resources as a way of expanding your money's potential. Remain practical.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You feel lucky today. A seamy situation could produce an explosive romance that has no lasting potential. Use your common sense.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Domestic affairs excel. You have a better grasp of recent events which affect your mate. Affairs of the heart are at a high point.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Avoidatty conversation and lunch gossip. Investigate before getting involved, or take a neutral position. Use energy wisely.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Stick to your guns if you are challenged by another. A one-sided relationship deepens. Avoid temptation.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A family member's actions are puzzling. Open up, and express

yourself since silence may allow the situation to continue to fester.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's an emotional day during which you won't get much accomplished. Patch a rift. Spirited people will give you an emotional lift.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are in the driver's seat. Try not to get rattled if offered a new advancement or task at work. Muster up your self-confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Keep private affairs out of the workplace. Someone may try to make you part of an unproductive social circle and involve you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) New financial ideas are exciting. Plan to put them to use carefully now. Avoid rushing into any deals until you have all the facts.

ACQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Personal affairs roll along nicely with some romance in store for you. Swinging social events could have you in the spotlight tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be practical as you examine your options. You feel emotionally needy which in turn makes you vulnerable. Use common sense.

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ACROSS
1 Bonnet and bowler
5 Cheers
13 To (unanimously)
14 Related
15 Enrich
17 American
20 Stand
21 Airport
22 Happenings
23 Pace
25 Self-term
28 Unicorn
30 Prickly plant
33 Mimic
36 Pleasant
38 Hires
42 Barren
44 Cut
45 Attention
49 Close
51 Country abode
53 Sketchy
55 Fans
56 Pantry
58 Asleep
59 Presently
60 Apportion
61 Aries
62 Hardens
70 Noisy quarrels
71 Mirth
72 Alien or
73 Frame
74 Conjunction
75 Factions
76 Fanfare
78 Suspicious
79 Mended
80 Fr. drink
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Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen waves to reporters as his Soviet counterpart Eduard Shevardnadze looks on after the conclusion of the Chinese minister's visit to Moscow this week

Sino-Soviet normalisation begins after decades of rift

PEKING (AP) — Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen returned early Monday from the Soviet Union, declaring that his visit started the process of normalising relations after nearly three decades of estrangement.

"We both believe a summit is possible but we still have to talk about a specific date," he told reporters upon arriving at the Peking airport. "We must make serious preparations."

Qian's visit was the first by a Chinese foreign minister since 1957. He held two hours of talks with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and more than six hours of talks with Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

He said talks focused on normalising relations and on the 10-year-old occupation of Kampuchea by Soviet-allied Vietnam, the key issue currently separating the countries. China maintains that Soviet aid is essential to the Vietnamese occupation and wants Moscow to pressure Vietnam to pull out.

Qian said the Soviet Union had agreed to do so. Asked if this was a new position on Moscow's part, he said: "You can understand it that way."

Qian flew from Tokyo, where he had briefed Japanese officials on his three-day visit to Moscow that ended Saturday. His plane stopped en route in the northeastern Chinese city of Dalian, where it was delayed two hours because a passenger who had checked baggage failed to get on the plane. Foreign Ministry officials in Peking did not immediately know how the matter was resolved.

Qian invited Shevardnadze to visit Peking early next year but said an exact date was not set. Both sides have said a summit between Gorbachev and senior Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping could take place in the first half of 1989. Chinese and Soviet sources agree late April or May is the most likely time.

"The most important result was we started the normalisation process," Qian told reporters as he walked briskly from the plane to a waiting limousine.

Qian said he and the Soviets discussed in general terms a timetable for Vietnamese withdrawal and came closer on the issue. He refused to elaborate.

China has said the Vietnamese should pull out as soon as possible.

Asked if all differences over Kampuchea had to be resolved before a summit was possible, Qian said simply: "We must continue discussions."

Vietnam invaded Kampuchea in late 1978 and toppled the Chinese-allied Khmer Rouge, which had killed an estimated one million Kampuchean in trying to purge the country of modern influences. China is the main supporter of an anti-Vietnamese guerrilla coalition that includes the Khmer Rouge.

China also has demanded a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and reduction of Soviet troops along the Chinese border.

Roh sacks cabinet in bid to shake off Chun legacy

SEOUL (AP) — President Roh Tae-Woo named a new cabinet Monday in a major shake-up to atone for the harsh rule of his predecessor, but the opposition rejected the change.

Roh named Kang Young-Hoon as prime minister and installed 19 new ministers to try to defuse nationwide furor over the government of former President Chun Doo-Hwan and show his commitment to democratic reform. Roh had promised shake-up after appealing Nov. 26 to the nation for mercy for Chun.

Chun, a former general who took power with military backing in 1980 and stepped down as president in February, went into rural exile last month after apologising to the nation for corruption and human rights abuses.

A government statement said the changes were "to put the mind of the public at rest following the anxiety created by problems of the past era."

It said the new cabinet would be charged with "galvanising gov-

ernment administration with the aim of effectively carrying on the intrinsic tasks of the new republic, especially to ensure further democratic reforms."

But the new cabinet consisted mainly of appointees from the governing Democratic Justice Party (DJP), and there were no dramatic changes. Key law, intelligence and military posts went to officials who served under the Chun government.

Opposition parties said Roh had not fulfilled promises to install a new administration and end ties with Chun's authoritarian government. Opposition leaders voiced doubt about Roh's willingness to repudiate Chun.

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Dissident groups, which have organised a series of violent protests in recent weeks to demand Chun's arrest and Roh's overthrow, dismissed the cabinet changes as a deception to continue military-backed rule.

"It is nothing but a trick to deceive the people unless Roh and other hardcore military members step down," said Chung Jae-Hoon, a radical student leader.

It seemed unlikely the much heralded changes would have a major impact on public opinion or help still widespread demands for strong action against Chun.

At Edwards, a ground crew

was surprised that the new cabinet includes persons who